

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A communication system comprising:
a user interface unit that generates and transmits a command for configuring a report; and
a mobile unit having a processor, a memory, and a wireless modem for automatically generating a status report ~~periodically, wherein the status report~~ according to the command,
formatting the report is formatted for transmission according to an electronic mail protocol, and
transmitting the report to the user interface unit; and
~~a user interface unit receiving the status report and displaying the status report according to a predefined report format, wherein the user interface unit is geographically remote to the mobile unit.~~
2. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the status report is transmitted from the mobile unit to the user interface unit according to one of SMTP, POP, IMAP, MIME, RFC-822, and Instant Messaging (IM) protocols.
3. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the mobile unit further comprises a detection component coupled to the processor, wherein the detection component comprises a sensor for measuring a physical parameter.
4. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the mobile unit further comprises a means for determining a position of the mobile unit.
5. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the mobile unit further comprises a receiver for receiving positioning data from satellites, allowing the processor to use the positioning data for determining a position of the mobile unit.

6. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the memory stores the **status** report for a predefined length of time after the **status** report is transmitted to the user interface unit.

7. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1 further comprising a plurality of mobile units including the mobile unit, wherein the user interface unit is connected to a backend processing unit for combining **status** reports generated by the plurality of mobile units.

8. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the user interface unit comprises an input device for receiving information from a user and an output device for presenting information to a user.

9. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the report format is changeable through the user interface unit.

10. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the mobile unit reconfigures the **status** report according to ~~[[a]]~~ the command received from the user interface unit.

11. (Original) The system of claim 1 further comprising a database for manually entered peripheral data, wherein the peripheral data is used for compliance with the report format.

12. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 11, wherein the peripheral data comprise at least one of landmarks, maps, speed limits, and traffic light locations for the mobile unit to use as a positional reference in the **status** report, wherein the positional reference indicates a position of the mobile unit.

13. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 11, wherein the mobile unit adds landmarks to the database for use in the **status** report.

14. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the user interface unit transmits one or more landmarks to the mobile unit for use as a positional reference in the ~~status~~ report.

15. (Currently Amended) A mobile communication device comprising:
a detection component for measuring a physical parameter;
a processor connected to the detection component, wherein the processor is for generating a ~~status~~ report incorporating the physical parameter according to an external command;
a memory connected to the processor, wherein the memory is for storing the ~~status~~ report;
and
a wireless modem connected to the processor, wherein the wireless modem is for transmitting the ~~status~~ report according to predetermined electronic mail protocol once the physical parameter fulfills a condition.

16. (Original) The device of claim 15, wherein the predetermined electronic mail protocol is one of SMTP, POP, IMAP, MIME, RFC-822, and Instant Messaging (IM) protocols.

17. (Original) The device of claim 15 further comprising a receiver for receiving positioning information, wherein the processor uses the positioning information to determine a location of the mobile unit.

18. (Original) The device of claim 17 further comprising a database for storing maps, traffic light locations, and landmarks for use as a positional reference in the location of the mobile unit.

19. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 15, wherein the condition is one of:
a passage of predetermined amount of time since a previous transmission;
a predefined relationship between the physical parameter and a reference value;
a minimum distance traveled since a previous transmission; and
a command from an external source to transmit the ~~status~~ report.

20. (Currently Amended) A method of communication comprising:
obtaining data;
automatically preparing a status report incorporating the data, wherein the report includes data requested in a command; and
transmitting the status report using one of SMTP, POP, IMAP, MIME, RFC-822, and Instant Messaging (IM) protocols if the data satisfies a predefined condition, without receiving an external command to transmit.
21. (Original) The method of claim 20 further comprising determining whether the data fulfills a predefined condition by comparing the data against a reference value.
22. (Original) The method of claim 20, wherein the data is at least one of position information, calculated information, physical parameters, and environmental parameters.
23. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 20 further comprising time-stamping the status report.
24. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 20 further comprising storing the status report for a predetermined period of time.
25. (Original) The method of claim 20 further comprising counting a length of distance traveled or time passed since a previous transmission to determine if the data satisfies the predefined condition.
26. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 20 further comprising reconfiguring the status report in response to a command, wherein the command is received in an e-mail format.
27. (Original) The method of claim 20 further comprising:
comparing the data against an emergency condition; and

transmitting an alert signal if the data satisfies the emergency condition.

28. (Original) The method of claim 20 further comprising:
receiving an enabling command for adding new data to a database; and
adding new data to the database before receiving a disabling command for disabling
addition of new data to the database.

29. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 20 further comprising preparing the
~~status~~ report in a human-readable format such that no format conversion is necessary before the
~~status~~ report is presented to a viewer.

30. (Original) The method of claim 29, wherein the human-readable format is one of
HTML and text format.

31. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 20 further comprising preparing the
~~status~~ report in a standard application format.

32. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 20 further comprising encrypting the
~~status~~ report prior to transmission.

33. (Original) The method of claim 20 further comprising:
receiving a message in one of SMTP, POP, IMAP, MIME, RFC-822, and Instant
Messaging (IM) protocols; and
authenticating the received message.

34. (Canceled)

35. (Currently Amended) A mobile device for communication via a wireless
network, comprising:
means for obtaining physical data and positioning data;
means for receiving a configuration command;

means for preparing a ~~status~~ report using the physical data and the positioning data, wherein the report includes data requested in the configuration command; and

means for transmitting the ~~status~~ report in an electronic mail format without receiving an external command to transmit.

36. (Currently Amended) Computer instructions for communication via a wireless network, comprising:

computer-readable instructions for obtaining physical data and positioning data;

computer-readable instructions for receiving a configuration command;

computer-readable instructions for preparing a ~~status~~ report using the physical data and the positioning data, wherein the report includes data requested in the configuration command; and

computer-readable instructions for transmitting the ~~status~~ report in an electronic mail format without receiving an external command.